



Chairman: Jay Stewart  
Members: Ed Bedore, Ricardo Morales, Larry Ivory, Bill Black

EEC

February 28, 2014

Fred Hahn  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Capital Development Board  
377C Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 102-790-002**

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received February 28, 2014 and understand the facts to be as follows:

- 1) The Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Flo Systems, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to the rehabilitation of the sewage treatment plant at Wildlife Prairie State Park.
- 3) Flo Systems, Inc. was selected via contractor-subcontractor agreement.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the Flo Systems, Inc. the following:
  - a. Mr. Charles T. Caraker, Sr., father of Mr. Charles T. Caraker, Jr., 100% owner of Flo Systems, Inc., was Mayor of the City of Troy, Illinois. He has not been in this position since July 1, 2013. As Mayor, his salary was under \$10,000 per year and he indicated that he did not make any procurement decisions.
- 5) The Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Capital Development Board and CPO Hahn indicate that it would be in the best interest of the State to approve this conflict of interest due to the using agency's needs and the value of the contract.

Based on the foregoing, you are requesting my review and comment pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code.

Review and Comment

After careful review of the documentation provided, I do not view the relationships disclosed above as creating a conflict of interest sufficient to preclude the Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with Flo Systems, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received February 28, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Carter". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel